



Welcome to TeamOCEAN

- ★Team
- ★Ocean
- ★Conservation
- ★Education
- ★Action
- ★Network



What TeamOCEAN does

We provide on the water interpretation and education for fellow kayakers and boaters on local wildlife. Along with this we try to educate ocean goers about proper wildlife viewing techniques in a friendly and compassionate manner.



MBNMS TeamOCEAN Goals

- ★ Goal: Promote understanding & appreciation of Marine Sanctuary resources & qualities
 - Make kayakers aware that they are in a National Marine Sanctuary--this is a special place
 - Help kayakers appreciate the value of ocean life, Marine Sanctuaries, & the ocean in general by providing interesting & relevant information, e.g. natural history interpretation.
 - Promote the view that ocean-going humans are visitors to a natural habitat, and that wildlife deserve our respect & need our protection

MBNMS TeamOCEAN Goals

- ★ Goal: Protect Sanctuary resources, particularly sensitive wildlife species
 - Promote respectful wildlife-watching through education on how to avoid disturbing wildlife
 - How to recognize animals from a distance
 - How to recognize behaviors that precede disturbance
 - Model good behavior
 - Make kayakers aware that marine wildlife is protected-- what are the regulations & why are they needed
 - Encourage voluntary compliance with regulations

MBNMS TeamOCEAN Goals

- ★ Goal: Increase the Sanctuary's presence on the water
 - Give the Sanctuary greater tangibility & a personal face
 - Public perception will depend on your approach & style
 - Be positive & friendly.
 - Encountering a Sanctuary naturalist should enhance a person's kayaking trip.

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Secondary Goals

- “On-water” eyes & ears for Sanctuary enforcement personnel-- data collection on types & magnitude of problems, ability to report violations if you wish.
- “On-water” eyes & ears for public safety/rescue agencies-- ability to report emergency situations, but we do not expect you to get involved in situations in which you do not feel comfortable.

What We Expect of You

- You will have basic knowledge of the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary & the natural history of the wildlife & habitats you'll encounter.
- You can explain your knowledge to an average person off the street, while being accurate & interesting.
- If you don't know something, you just say so.
- You are comfortable approaching & talking to strangers.
- You interact with people in a positive, informative, & tactful way.
- You will put your own safety first in every instance.

What We DON'T Expect of You

- You are NOT expected to rescue anyone.
- You are NOT expected to compromise your own safety or well-being for another person.
- You are NOT expected to persist in any interaction that becomes inflammatory, hostile, or uncomfortable.
- You will NOT be writing tickets, warning, punishing, or scolding anyone.

TeamOCEAN Logistics

- Fri, Sat & Sun from Memorial Day weekend until Labor Day, Sat & Sun through September ~ 10 am to 4 pm.
- Teams will work at both Cannery Row & Elkhorn Slough every weekend.
- There are 4 paid naturalists in addition to volunteers. A team will always have 1 staff.
- Scheduling & day-to-day communication is done by our Team Coordinator Jessica Moye.

TeamOCEAN Logistics

- Mostly closed-deck kayaks.
- Formal course in kayak safety & self/buddy rescue is required.
- Your "uniform" is a wetsuit, a lifevest, & a sanctuary kayak.
- Gear
 - We provide: kayak & safety gear, wetsuit, lifevest, paddlejacket.
 - You provide: footwear, food & water.

TeamOCEAN Logistics

- Teams (of 2-4 people) must stay within visual contact at all times.
- All team members carry waterproof marine radios.
- One team member carries a cell phone.
- All team members will have waterproof databooks for recording information about each interaction.

TeamOCEAN Training

- Training session will be Tuesdays in May: 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th with the 27th as a possible overflow day if necessary; from 6:30 to 9:30pm.
- Kayak safety training will be scheduled once we know how many people will be joining this year. We can have weekend or weekday safety training days. Training takes about 6 hours.

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